

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A holding apparatus for holding a vitreous body surgical contact lens, comprising:
 - an eyelid opener portion that pulls and opens an upper eyelid and a lower eyelid;
 - a holding portion that holds the vitreous body surgical contact lens on an eyeball; and
 - a connecting portion connected to the holding portion and the eyelid opener portion so that a position of the holding portion relative to the eyelid opener portion and the eyeball is adjustable.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1,
 - wherein said eyelid opener portion has a structure in which a portion that pulls the upper eyelid and a portion that pulls the lower eyelid are integrated with an elastic portion therebetween.
4. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1,
 - wherein said holding portion has a shape of a ring.
5. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1,
 - wherein said connecting portion is composed of an elastic member.

6. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 5,

wherein the elastic member is a cord body.

7. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 5,

wherein the elastic member is silicone rubber.

8. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1,

wherein said holding portion has an engaging portion engaging with said connecting portion, and

wherein said connecting portion has a hole to be engaged with the engaging portion.

9. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A The holding portion, apparatus for holding a vitreous body surgical contact lens, lens according to claim 5, wherein the holding portion includes an engaging portion and the holding portion is connected to the eyelid opener portion via the engaging portion.~~

~~_____ is connected to an eyelid opener portion that pulls and opens an upper eyelid and a lower eyelid through a connecting portion, so that a position of the holding portion relative to the eyelid opener portion and an eyeball is adjustable and the vitreous body surgical contact lens is held on the eyeball.~~

10. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The holding ~~portion~~ apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 9,

~~_____~~ wherein a lower inner circumferential surface of a cylindrical body portion forming said holding portion is chamfered following a shape of the eyeball.

11. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The holding ~~portion~~ apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 9,
_____ wherein a surface of a cylindrical body portion forming said holding portion is frosted.

12. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens, according to claim 5, wherein the connecting portion for connecting a holding portion that holds a vitreous body surgical contact lens to an eyelid opener portion that pulls and opens an upper eyelid and a lower eyelid, so that a position of the holding portion relative to the eyelid opener portion and an eyeball is adjustable and the vitreous body surgical contact lens is held on the eyeball, comprises a pair of elastic closed loop members for connecting the holding portion in a semi-fixed state.

13. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The ~~connecting portion~~ holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens according to claim 12, comprising: wherein the holding portion includes a pair of engaging portions disposed opposite one another on the holding apparatus and the pair of elastic closed loop members engages with the pair of engaging members.

_____ ~~a closed loop member for connecting said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens having elasticity and being capable of connecting said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens in a semi-fixed state with friction.~~

14. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The ~~connecting portion~~ holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens according to claim 18,
_____ wherein at least one or more engaging holes for engaging with the engaging portions of said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens are provided in the closed loop ~~member~~ members having a ring shape.

15. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The ~~connecting portion~~ holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens according to claim 18,

wherein a substantially rectangular engaging hole is provided in the closed loop ~~member~~ members having a ring shape.

16. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The holding ~~portion~~ apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 9, ~~comprising an~~ wherein the engaging portion ~~engaged~~ engages with the connecting portion in at least two places.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The ~~connecting portion~~ holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens according to claim 13, wherein the closed loop ~~member~~ is a members are rubber member members having a ring shape.